

LESSON 36 *by Dennis Roberts*

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7/24/47	Saints arrive
2 days	BY climbs Ensign Peak
4 days	BY marks temple site
1 week	surveying city/temple cntr
6 years	cornerstones laid
9 years	foundation covered
46 years	temple dedicated

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- b. Supplement #1 Elder John A. Widtsoe----- Why was important for the Saints to keep a spiritual focus?
- c. Supplement #2 President Brigham Young ----- The army was a bump in the road, but why was it necessary?
- d. What foundation was the Lord preparing up to this time? ----- The foundation of the church had to be strong; built of the best materials
- e. How can we make the temple central in our lives today?----- Focus on attendance/ learning and living the atonement

2- The Saints were obedient as they settled

- a. OH pg 82-84 The First Year in the Valley & Explorations ----- What characteristics helped the Saints overcome difficulties?
- b. Are we any less blessed in times of our adversity? ----- How does the Lord bless us in times of adversity?
- c. OH pg 86-89 Callings to Colonize----- What can we learn from Charles Walker and Charles Rich?
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Is there ever a time to question what church leaders as us to do?
 Is there ever a place for blind obedience?
 When should we question and when should we "blindly" obey?

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- d. OH pg 93-96 Missionary Work ----- BY led church for 33 years. 3 years later John Taylor was sustained
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Scandinavia, Italy, Society Islands, France, Germany, South America, China, India, Spain, Australia, Hawaii, South Pacific, Gibraltar, French Polynesia, South Africa,

John Taylor was determined to continue the missionary effort and today the church has over 50,000 missionaries spread throughout the world

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